



Bachelor of Arts in Music - Instrumental/Vocal Track

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Degree Path - Catalog 2024-2025

A successful instrumental or vocal audition OR portfolio submission and interview is required for admission to the School of Music and ability to declare a music major.					
Semester 1	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 2	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	*Applied Music Requirement - B. Traditional option - private keybd, instr, or voice study (4 credits in MUSP) and 4 credits in MUSE (ensemble co-req based on instrument studied)	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	**3 courses required from MUHL 220, 221, 222, 223 (MUHL 326 may sub for MUHL 222); 2 courses from MUHL 22x will fulfill Creativity and Critical Analysis Knowledge Domain
MUTC 100: Contemporary Music Theory I	3		MUTC 206: Contemp Music Theory II	3	
Applied lessons (200 level)*	1		Applied lessons (200 level)*	1	
Ensemble (300 level)*	1		Ensemble (300 level)*	1	
MUHL (220, 221, 222, or 223)**	3		MUHL (220, 221, 222, or 223)**	3	
Foundational Study - ENGL 103	3	^Foreign language requirement - 0-12 hrs of one language sequence	Foundational Study - ENGL 203	3	Recommended Electives for Recording Arts focus include - MUTC 315, 316, 320, 323, 324, 400, 401, 403
Foreign Language I^	3		Foreign Language II*	3	
Total hours	14		Total hours	14	
Semester 3	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 4	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	~ at 16 hours of 300/400 level Music Electives; music elective course credits will vary	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	
MUTC 101: Theory I	2		Applied lessons (200 level)*	1	
MUTC 103: Aural Skills I	2		Ensemble (300 level)*	1	
MUSP 101: Beginning Piano	1		MUHL (220, 221, 222, or 223)**	3	
Applied lessons (200 level)*	1		Music Elective	3	
Ensemble (300 level)*	1		Knowledge Domain	3	
Foreign Language III^	3		Foundational Study - COMS 100	3	
Foundational Study - MATH 101	3		Foreign Language IV*	3	
Music Elective	3				
Total hours	16		Total hours	17	
Semester 5	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 6	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	*Additional lessons (1) and ensembles (1) may count towards music electives	MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	
MUTC 302: Elec & Comp Music	2		Music Elective	2	
Music Elective	2		MUTC 325: Songwriting	2	
Knowledge Domain	3		Knowledge Domain	3	
Knowledge Domain	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3	Additional music electives, beyond 16 may be taken in place of general electives.	Elective	3	
Elective	3		Music Elective	2	
Total hours	16		Total hours	15	
Semester 7	Credits	Success Marker	Semester 8	Credits	Success Marker
MUSC 99: Recital Attendance	0	OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS include: 40 hours of coursework taken is to be at the 300/400 level along with completing 1 Human Diversity Course and 2 Writing Infused Courses. The Human Diversity and Writing Infused requirements are often filled through general education or other elective coursework.	MUSC 399A/B: Sr. Recital or Project	0	
Music Elective	2		Music Elective	2	
Knowledge Domain	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Elective	3		Elective	3	
Total hours	14		Total hours	14	
Notes/Comments: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Scores in optional placement exams - foundational studies competency and/or language exams - as well as the completion of AP exams and/or college credit may change the plan. This should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students need to meet with their advisor each semester to discuss course scheduling. All requirements are subject to change by NIU.					